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Applicant(s): Frank Duvinage et al.

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Title: EXHAUST-GAS CLEANING UNIT WITH PARTICLE FILTER AND
NITROGEN OXYGEN STORE, AND OPERATING METHOD
THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 12, 2007

SIR:

Preliminary Amendment

A petition for an extension of time by two months is enclosed so that the new deadline for answering the official action of 02/16/07 is 07/16/07.

Enclosed herewith are the application documents for filing a continuation application on the basis of the pending application SN 09/929,961.

In view of the additional references cited by the Examiner in the final rejection Applicants believe that the invention can be more distinctly claimed by method claims than by apparatus claims as so far attempted.

It is respectfully requested that the specification as on file in SN 09/929,961 is used for the specification of the present application, which however should be amended as indicated below under "Amendments to the specification" and "Amendments to the claims".